Sl.No.	State	Telephone Connections	Tele-Density
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	195265	1.94
13.	Jharkhand	324088	1.20
14.	Karnataka	2685944	5.09
15.	Kerala	2610401	8.18
16.	Madhya Pradesh	1342517	2.22
17.	Maharashtra	6560423	6.78
18.	Manipur	30129	1.26
19.	Meghalaya	48303	2.09
20.	Mizoram	39220	4.4
21.	Nagaland	34704	1.75
22.	Orissa	606454	1.65
23.	Punjab	1915945	7.61
24.	Rajasthan	1504833	2.00
25.	Sikkim	27776	5.14
26.	Tamilnadu	4019695	6.37
27.	Tripura	60639	1.9
28.	Uttar Pradesh	2745458	1.65
29.	Uttaranchal	275337	3.25
30.	West Bengal	2308434	2.86

Note: Status in Respect of Fixed Telephone Connections and Cell Phones provided by Private Operators for Circles Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Sikkim and NE II are included in Bihar, MP, UP, West Bengal and NE I respectively.

Expansion of telecom network in A.P.

1839. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecom network is being expanded in the villages and Tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 2001-2002, there is a plan to set up 150 telephone exchanges and to add 79,184 lines of switching capacity in the villages of Andhra Pradesh, out of which, 38 telephone exchanges have been set up and 25,944 lines have been added so far.

In tribal areas, there is a plan to set up 10 telephone exchanges and to add 13,644 lines of switching capacity during the current year

out of which, one telephone exchange has been set up and 4062 lines have so far been added. Details are shown in Statement-I and II.

Statement-I

Plan and achievement of rural exchanges during 2001-02 (as on 31.10.01)

S. No.	Name of the District	NET Switching Capacity Plan 2001-02	NET Switching Capacity Added (Lines)	No. of Rural Exchanges commissioned	New Rural Exchanges Plan during remaining period of 2001-2002
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Adilabad	1656	480	—	4
2.	Anantapur	4352	2144	1	3
3.	Chittoor	4872	1296	1	8
4.	Cuddapah	1280	1848	1	5
5.	East Godavari	3000	4000	1	7
6.	Guntur	3968	460	4	7
7.	Karimnagar	2384	120	—	6
8.	Khammam	4784	1856	2	5
9.	Krishna	3120	2296	2	3
10.	Kurnool	3100	3328	1	3
11.	Mahabubnagar	5936	1168	5	9
12.	Medak	4104	152	2	5
13.	Nalgonda	6904	616	4	4
14.	Nellore	5944	1232	3	6
15.	Nizamabad	2904	456	3	4
16.	Prakasam	3608	760	1	6
17.	Ranga Reddy	2112	1576	3	0
18.	Srikakulam	4496	1240	_	9
19.	Visakhapatnam	1840	304	1	3
20.	Vizianagaram	3280	184	1	4

1	2	3	4	5	6
21.	Warangal	3504	672	2	11
22.	West Godavari	736	3056	—	0
	Total	79184	25,944	38	112

1. Provision Of reliable media:— 102 stations have been provided with reliable media during this year. Reliable transmission media is provided to 2312 rural exchanges out of total 2,352. Steps are being taken for provision of reliable media in the remaining 40 rural exchanges.
2. UHF systems:— 54 systems with 446.8 route Kms. are provided so far during the current year.
3. OFC:— 223 systems with 1691.58 route Kms. are provided, so far, during the current year.

Statement-II

Plan & achievement of tribal exchanges during 2001-02 (as on 31.10.2001)

S. No.	Name of the District	NET Capacity Switching Plan 2001-2002	NET Switching Capacity Added (Llines)	No. of Tribal Exchanges Tentative Plan	Commissioned
1.	Adilabad	1656	1656	2	
2.	East Godavari	512	160	2	
3.	Khammam	6268	1430	4	1
4.	Mahabubnagar	456	52	—	
5.	Srikakulam	—	—	—	
6.	Visakhapatnam	2008	584	—	
7.	Vizianagaram	—	80	—	
8.	Warangal West	205	—	3	
9.	Godavari	6 688	100	—	
	Total	13644	4062	10	1

during this year. Reliable transmission media is provided to 94 tribal exchanges, so far, out of total 97. Steps are being taken for pro'vision of reliable media in the

remaining 3 tribal exchanges. All 97 existing tribal exchanges are provided with STD.

2. UHF systems:— 1 system with 6.1 route Kms. are provided so far during the current year.
3. OFC:— 13 systems with 212874 route Kms. are provided, so far, during the current year.

Speed post service in A.P.

1840. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is present status of Speed Post service available in the post offices of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have any plans to expand the service further in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAP AN SIKDAR): (a) The list of Post Offices where Speed Post service is available in the State of Andhra Pradesh is given in Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) Speed Post is a premium product and is run on commercial considerations. Expansion of this network is an on-going process depending on market situation, assessment of the need, the anticipated revenue and transport network.

Statement

List of post offices of Andhra Pradesh where speed post service is available

National Speed Post Centres

Sl.No	Name of the Centre	Name of District
1.	Hyderabad	Hyderabad
2.	Vijayawada	Krishna
3.	Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam
4.	Tirupati	Chittoor
5.	Kurnool	Kurnool
6.	Guntur	Guntur